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SUBJECT: KARAMANLIS LETTER TO GISCARD PROTESTING

US-TURKISH AGREEMENT

REF: LONDON 05028

1. MEMBER ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFF CONFIRMS PRESIDENT
GISCARD ALSO RECEIVED KARAMANLIS LETTER SHARPLY COMPLAIN-
ING ABOUT DISEQUILIBRATING EFFECTS US-TURKISH AGREEMENT
ON BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AND ABOUT

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ABSENCE OF ANY CLEAR LINKAGE TO CYPRUS SOLUTION. ELYSEE

ALSO HAS IMPRESSION, ALTHOUGH WE ARE TOLD LETTER DID NOT EXPLICITLY SAY SO, THAT KARAMANLIS WAS DISAPPOINTED U.S. HAD NOT ARRANGED FOR SIMULTANEOUS AND OPTICALLY MORE BALANCED CONCLUSION OF ITS MILITARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY. ON OTHER HAND, KARAMANLIS MADE NO SPECIFIC REQUESTS. OUR SOURCE WAS NOT AWARE WHICH OTHER GOVERNMENTS MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED SUCH LETTERS OR OF KARAMANLIS' TELEPHONE CALLS TO GISCARD AS CLAIMED IN CURRENT AP PRESS REPORTS FROM ATHENS.

2. GISCARD HAS ALREADY SENT SHORT INTERIM REPLY DELIVERED BY INDUSTRY MINISTER D'ORNANO, WHO IS CURRENTLY IN ATHENS. A LONGER SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE IS TO BE MADE IN TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS, AS PART OF REGULAR GISCARD-KARAMANLIS CORRESPONDENCE. IN THIS REPLY, WE WERE TOLD, GISCARD WILL BE GLAD TO ATTEMPT TO CALM KARAMANLIS ABOUT U.S. GOOD INTENTIONS IN CONCLUDING TURKISH MILITARY AGREEMENT AS ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP TOWARD TURKISH MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS. HOWEVER ELYSEE THINKS IT WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IF GISCARD COULD AT SAME TIME ASSURE KARAMANLIS (A) THAT, WITH TURKISH AGREEMENT BEHIND IT, U.S. WILL NOW MAKE EVEN MORE ACTIVE EFFORT TO PRESS TURKS ON CYPRUS AND (B) THAT U.S. WILL BE WILLING TO MOVE QUICKLY TOWARD OPTICALLY COMPARABLE AGREEMENT WITH GREEKS. OUR SOURCE SUMMED UP GENERAL POINT BY SAYING GREEKS, HAVING CAUSED MANY OF THEIR OWN PROBLEMS NOW FEEL LEFT BEHIND AND VERY MUCH NEED TO BE REASSURED.

3. OUR SOURCE, WHO WILL PROBABLY HELP DRAFT GISCARD'S REPLY, WOULD CLEARLY APPRECIATE ANY RESPONSE WE COULD TRANSMIT TO ABOVE SUGGESTIONS.

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